

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2016**

ATTENDANCE: Michelle Lyons, Co-Chair; Mary McBride-Lee, Co-Chair;
Jeanette Herron, Jack O. Banta, Richard Salter, Sr.,
Kathryn Bukovsky

STAFF: Ron Pacacha, Associate City Attorney

OTHERS: Linda Pesce Laske, Esq., Green & Gross, P.C.

CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Lyons called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. A quorum was present.

She reviewed the procedures of the meeting to those present.

AGENDA

ITEM 20-15

**PROPOSED PETITION REGARDING THE DISCONTINUANCE OF A PORTION OF
THE PAPER STREET KNOWN AS SUMMIT PLACE**

Co-Chair Lyons introduced the item and asked Co-Chair McBride-Lee if she had gone up and looked at the property to which Co-Chair McBride-Lee answered that she had gone to the property, but that it took her a week to find it. She said she had finally started talking to the neighbors and she was told that the residents had organized a petition to fix the place, but that most of the residents had not signed it. She also said that no one on that street knew anything about the issue, but she stated that she told them that something was going to happen and that it would be voted on the following Monday. She advised the residents to attend the meeting if they had any questions or concerns. She also stated that the residents had told her that they were comfortable in their neighborhood nothing was going to happen there because the client of Attorney Laske could not afford to fix his house. Co-Chair McBride-Lee stated that she informed the residents that she would be voting with the rest of the Committee members on this issue. Co-Chair Lyons asked whether the constituents of Co-Chair McBride-Lee were happy with the situation to which Co-Chair McBride-Lee answered in the affirmative.

Co-Chair Lyons asked Council Member Salter, Sr. the same question about whether he had gone up to look at the property again to which Council Member Salter, Sr. answered in the affirmative and stated that his comments were similar to Co-Chair McBride-Lee's. He said he had gone up there and also had difficulty finding the house of Attorney Laske's client, stating that he had climbed through the bushes to find the house. He remarked about the well-kept lawn on the

property of Attorney Laske's client which would have been a street, according to the map from 1917.

Co-Chair McBride-Lee asked what exactly was going to happen with house of Attorney Laske's client to which Attorney Laske answered that her client would not be doing anything different. Attorney Laske stated that the City was going to require her client to pave the driveway, but that her client had no plans to do anything in the Summit Place area and she does not think that anyone else does either. Co-Chair McBride-Lee why Attorney Laske was seeking permission from the Council. Attorney Laske explained that her client's house had been discovered, after building permits had been issued and the addition had been completed, to have encroached into the paper street by 7 feet which has left his property in legal limbo and he is, therefore, seeking the discontinuance of the paper street. She said that the street is not in existence on the ground, just on the map and that the issue is really a technicality, unless the City had an interest in developing this paper street, but she noted how much blasting would have to be done in order to create a usable street. Attorney Laske also said that the Engineering Department has indicated that they have no reason to build a street there, since there are plenty of other streets in the area, adding that anyone who owns a property which abuts this paper street would still have the right to use it if they want, e.g. they can walk through it, they can get zoning approval to build a driveway if they wanted because they have a private right-of-way. She stated that this resolution would be getting rid of any potential for a public street to go in as opposed to a private street. Co-Chair McBride-Lee remarked that she could not see how they would build a street through there, saying that on Alba Avenue, the residents have a nice neighborhood there with their own road.

Co-Chair Lyons stated that the Council usually makes the decisions on the paper streets, noting that it is also to protect the homeowners as well. This way, she said, the Council members would know about it and they can provide the information to anyone seeking it.

Council Member Bukovsky stated that she wanted to make a motion, but did not specify what the motion was because Attorney Pacacha interjected with some comments about the exhibits entered into the record at the previous meeting. He said that Frances had mentioned to him that those exhibits had not appeared in the book, and that he told Frances he had submitted them, but Frances pointed out that the exhibits have to be put in the book by the stenographer. Attorney Pacacha then distributed an updated survey map that the City Engineer had requested be revised. Council Member Bukovsky withdrew her motion.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BUKOVKY MOVED TO ENTER THE UPDATED
PROGRESS PRINT 8-31-2016 AS EXHIBIT 11.7.16-A TO ITEM 20-15,
PROPOSED PETITION REGARDING THE DISCONTINUANCE OF A
PORTION OF THE PAPER STREET KNOWN AS SUMMIT PLACE.
** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Attorney Pacacha wanted to mention for the Committee's benefit that this matter did not have to be moved to the floor that night for voting, saying that it would come up on the next City Council meeting. He said that he would have to prepare a special report for submission to the Committee, adding that the night the Committee considers that final report would be the night

the abutters meeting would take place before the City Council.

- ** COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 20-15, PROPOSED PETITION REGARDING THE DISCONTINUANCE OF A PORTION OF THE PAPER STREET KNOWN AS SUMMIT PLACE.**
- ** COUNCIL MEMBER SALTER, SR. SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Lyons adjourned the meeting at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nerina Kagan
Telesco Secretarial Services